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SUBJECT: DTLINEN May Day Operation

TO : Chief, PBMIGHT

1. Enclosed are copies of a letter distributed by DTLINEN and designed to disrupt May Day celebrations. These counterfeit instructions purportedly sent out by the FDGB were mailed to 2,850 cities and towns in HREBEL. These instructions addressed to union sub-committees concerned with the organization of May Day festivities were produced in the form of mimeographed letters mailed from each of the capital cities in the official envelopes of union headquarters. In this letter, all previous instructions for May festivities were superseded by new ones directing the responsible organizational committee to arrange mass meetings for the evening of May First to be held in the largest hall available in each community. The instructions go on to say that speakers for these meetings, coached for the occasion in their respective headquarters, will be sent by automobile to appear in time for these meetings. It goes on to say that in view of the seriousness of the situation the committees should refrain from holding any social meetings like dances, torchlight parades, etc. The chairman of each committee was further directed to report in person on or before 12 noon May 2 at higher headquarters. In case of insufficient rail transportation, the use of hired automobiles was herewith authorized and reimbursement could be claimed from the economics section of state union headquarters. Reports from the state of Sachsen indicate that the majority of May Day committees in that state took these instructions seriously. Instructions were followed to the letter and only through efforts of the State Secret Police was it possible to avert major disaster.

2. In the cases of the other states it has been reported that the phoniness of these instructions was reported to union headquarters and that it was necessary to engage the full apparatus of the police in order to notify the 2,850 communities with the necessary warnings and instructions. In any case, it is reasonable to assume that this operation caused wide spread confusion and disruption.

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